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## Act No. 135 (S.348). Elections; Secretary of State; temporary elections procedures; COVID-19

## An act relating to temporary elections procedures in the year 2020

This act amends 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 92, Sec. 3 (elections in the year 2020; Secretary of State; Governor; temporary elections procedures) by eliminating the requirement for the Secretary of State to obtain the agreement of the Governor prior to the Secretary ordering or permitting appropriate elections procedures in the year 2020 for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of voters, elections workers, and candidates in carrying out elections. The act further provides that if the Secretary of State uses this authority to order or permit the mailing of 2020 General Election ballots to all registered voters, the Secretary shall inform the Governor as soon as reasonably practicable following the Secretary's decision to do so.

Effective Date: July 2, 2020